

1     ABSTRACT

2             The present invention relates to cards, communication devices, and  
3     methods of forming the same and encoding visibly perceptible  
4     information on communication devices. A remote intelligent  
5     communication device includes: a card-thin housing including: an upper  
6     surface; a lower surface; and at least one side extending between the  
7     upper surface and the lower surface forming the card-thin housing, the  
8     side having visibly perceptible information thereon; and communication  
9     circuitry within the housing configured to at least one of communicate  
10    and receive electronic signals. A method of forming a card includes:  
11    providing a substrate having: an upper surface; a lower surface, and  
12    the upper and lower surfaces individually having a length and a width;  
13    and a plurality of sides individually having a thickness less than the  
14    lengths and the widths of the surfaces; and encoding visibly perceptible  
15    information on at least one of the sides.

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